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### FILMORE'S Antecedents—Know-Nothing Appeals to Whigs.

The Know-Nothing advocates continually repeat the insidious appeal, first addressed to the Whigs by Hon. Garrett Davis, to vote for Filmore on the ground of his antecedents, alleging the excellence of his administration when President. Mr. Filmore was then a Whig President, who had been a Whig, by Whig voters, and his administration, backed up and maintained by such Whigs as Clay and Webster, was conducted on Whig principles. But he has since deserted his Whig friends, abandoned the Whig party, and joined a new party, distinctly differing in name, principles, practices, organization and objects, from the Whig party. He has joined a new party, secret in organization, clandestine in its operations, and avowing principles utterly repugnant to the conservatism of Whig principles. He has joined a party whose distinctive principles wage a political war, a quasi class of men on account of their birth and faith—a war of race and religion, war stimulat'd by bigotry and insidiously leading to civil dissension and bloodshed. The adoption of the principles of such a party is in itself a renunciation of Whig principles. For Whig principles seek only to give a practical and beneficial operation of the Constitution as it is, but know-Nothing principles seek to overthrow the established provisions of our Government, which it is the asylum for the oppressed, and wife for it more than two glory than even the republicanism of the system. It is against Whig conservatism thus to revolutionize the constitutional policy under which we have flourished, for it is a virtual subversion of the fundamental doctrines which underlie our entire political system. Some shallow men, to sanctify his cause with a good name, have silly enough to say that Know-Nothing principles are Whig principles expanded. Not so. They are antagonistic in spirit, in design, and in effect, to Whig principles. As well as might be, the Sam'l Presbyterian, who had joined the Roman Catholic Church, asserted that he was still a Whig. In either case, the renegade adopts principles utterly repugnant to the principles of his former associates; and thus, by necessary implication, renounces his old faith.

But it is not left to our interpretation to determine this question. The Know-Nothing National Council have settled it beyond all dispute; and settled it both conclusively and affirmatively to the Whigs, showing that Whig repudiation of them and their reputation of Whigingers are mutual. They have as expressly renounced the Whig party and as fiercely denounced and abominated the Whig party as they have the Democratic party; and if Mr. Filmore ever was an earnest Whig, he is more offensive to Whigs as the leader of this bold denunciatory organization than if he had been always an open and consistent opponent. The XIIth section of the Know-Nothing Platform, the first declaration of principles submitted to the scrutiny of the nation, affirmed that the American party (as the Know-Nothings facetiously call themselves) had risen upon the ruins of both the Whig and Democratic parties—that the American party was not to be held responsible for the notorious acts of violated pledges of the Whig and Democratic parties—that the Whig and Democratic parties having by systematic agitation of the slaves question, and sectional hostility to a point, element of political power, and brought our institutions into peril, it had become the imperative duty of the American party to interpose for the purpose of giving peace to the country and prosperity to the Union!!! Here we find in their own platform the Whig party (as well as the Democratic party) denounced in unqualified terms as guilty of obnoxious acts, of violated pledges, and of such treacherous and mischievous demagogery on the slavery question, as to bring the peace of the people and the safety of the Union into peril!!! And here we find also the American party presenting itself as a distinct party, separate and apart from all others, but especially opposed to the Whig and Democratic parties, making not the slightest discrimination between the two!!! Here we find it boasting of standing with its foot on the neck of the Whig as well as the Democratic party, revelling in the "ruin" itself had fancifully wrought on both. And yet now, when they want Whig votes, some of them cooly claim to be Whigs and beseach the latter to complete their own ruin by licking the foot set upon their own necks! The insolence of such an appeal almost surpasses all conception of shamelessness!

But suppose Whigs were green enough to trust to Mr. Filmore's antecedents—suppose they could so stultify themselves as to support him on his past principles without regard to his present principles—suppose his descent of his old party had not weakened the confidence of his friends, and even supposing all that, if Whigs are to take Filmore on his antecedents, we ought to do the same with the antecedents of his associate on the ticket, Andrew Jackson. Donelson? As well as we vote for Filmore, we must also vote for Donelson. And what are his antecedents? Democratic all over! Filmore was not only a Democrat all his life, raised in the political household of Old Hickory, but most unscrupulously and persistently denounced Filmore and his administration, considering the shortness of the notice, was well aware that he, like some shallow Know-Nothings formerly Whigs, never abandoned his original principles!!! Then, Whigs are to be appealed to vote for Filmore because he was once a Whig, what are they to do with Filmore's fellow on the ticket, who was once a Democrat, peculiarly hostile to Filmore's administration, and adheres to it as Democratic principles still!!! Answer that! If Whigs ought to vote for Filmore, once a Whig, as against Buchanan a Democrat, ought they not also to vote against the Democrat Donelson? By what subterfuge can these questions be resolved? Filmore and Donelson are inseparably united on the same ticket. To vote for one is to vote for the other. There is no escape from this dilemma. And what claims can be asserted in behalf of Donelson to the favor of Whigs, that do not assert themselves with far greater force in behalf of Buchanan and Breckinridge? We say that the Democratic party is far wretched of the confidence of Whigs, in any view, than the Know-Nothing ticket.

It would be to beg the question to palliate the nomination of Donelson because the office of Vice President is lower than that of President. In a contingency contemplated by the Constitution, which has already twice happened, in one case most disastrously to the Whigs, and in the other most luckily for Filmore, the second officer becomes the first. With the experience of the Whigs on this very point, they ought most carefully to look to the character of any man they vote for Vice President. He should be a man in all respects equal to the President. The putting together men of opposite political faiths on the same ticket in order to gather votes for the opposing faction is a most unpatriotic and fraudulent proceeding.

But it is superfluous to argue this point further. Let us appeal to Whigs to vote for Filmore or the ground on which he has once belonged to a party he has since renounced is a piece of transparent madness. The left. Mr. Filmore, if he ever really was, is not now a Whig. His party, in its very platform, denounces the Whig party more unapologetically than does the Democratic party denounce it. And it is a most extraordinary fact—but in keeping, nevertheless, with the excessive coolness of the

appeal to Whigs to vote for Filmore—that the denunciation of the Whig party in the XIIth section of the Know-Nothing platform, found the Whig party in the very position in which it was the chief glory of Filmore's administration that Clay and the party forced him to place it! It is too much to ask Whigs to set the seal of infamy on their own brows, by voting for the man who is at the head of that party which through its platform has heralded this trancendal slander against the Whig party! Magnanimity is a noble virtue, but to forgive that remorseless and perfidious slander, would be the basest meanness!

Donelson, Bartlett, Pilcher, Hewett, et al. and others, are the men Whigs of Ken'ucky are invited to place in power, in order that they may continue their boast of rising on the ruins of the very party to which they address this insolent appeal for votes. Yes, these vagabonds of the Know-Nothing party, caught up out of the Democratic party, may well be anxious to continue the vainglorious boast of rising on Whig ruins, if Whigs are growing enough to turn them to power over their own fall. And Mr. Filmore, too, may well desire the sweet voices of the Whigs now, after having kicked down the ladder by which he climbed to power and stung the hands that elevated him from obscurity to distinction. It is exceeding modest in him, after subscribing that XIIth section, to ask the Whigs to absolve him from the guilt of his treachery and slander towards the Whigs, and cover themselves all over with the mantle of mystery that attaches to him and all pretending Whigs who were his endorsers in uttering that impudent and unforgivable calumny!

If Whigs desire to indulge the luxury of remonstrance—it they wish to establish a precedent for paying a premium on treachery by allowing the tick of the foot that kicks them—they have an opportunity of doing so by voting for Filmore!

But for ourselves, we prefer open opponents to treacherous friends. We prefer Buchanan and Breckinridge before Filmore and Donelson. If mere rancor toward Democracy were enough to determine our choice, there is enough of it in the Know-Nothing ticket to turn us away from it. That we have, however, given our reasons at large for preferring Buchanan and Breckinridge. Those reasons, we are proud to see, are attracting the consideration of the people throughout the Union, if we may judge from the extensive circulation given them through the press of the several States. They are reasons which will stand the scrutiny of reason and of time. It is best for the country and best for the future interests of the Whig party, that Whigs support Buchanan and Breckinridge rather than Fillmore and Donelson. There is no other way to defeat Fremont and clear the obstructives to the reorganization of the Whig party.

Whigs vote for a deserter from their principles and party! Whigs vote for Donelson! The invocation is a mixture of impudence and insanity.

### Black Republicanism Indiana.

On the 4th of July, at Greenwood, Johnson county, Rev. Mr. Tucker delivered an oration to the Sunday School children from the pulpit, in the Tabernacle, on the subject of the Sabbath. The boy who was to speak, in one of his words, had crossed the river in a skiff with his father, and was favored with the heaviest rain that had fallen upon it since last December—more than seven months ago. Vegetation will, of course, be immensely benefited by it. Late corn will spring into new life, and hope will once more take the place of despondency in the breast of the honest farmer. The drouth from which we have suffered, and another hand at the rear, and the adjacent counties, and along the river between here and Cincinnati, the parched earth was favored with the heaviest rain that had fallen upon it since last December—more than seven months ago. Vegetation will, of course, be immensely benefited by it. 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The approaching Presidential contest is conceded by all parties to involve the most momentous issues that have ever been decided upon since the formation of our Government.

The fanatics of the North have drawn the sword, and by appeals to the passions, prejudices and ignorance of the people, have become a most formidable and dangerous party, and seriously threaten the subversion of our liberties.

All true men and patriots should be advised

fully of the danger that threatens them, and be up

and doing in order, if possible, to save the calamity.

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## Letcher and Buchanan Again—The Bargain Stand.

The Louisville Journal of the 21st and 29th July, as also previously, contained atrocious articles, charging that Letcher, several years ago, (1844), wrote to Mr. Buchanan, asking his consent to the publication of the facts of the interview between Mr. Clay and Mr. Buchanan in his room in 1825, and that Buchanan, in a letter, published by Colton, refused, and sternly held Letcher to the pledge of silence made at the termination of the interview.

There is not a word of truth in this statement—not a word. The statement of the Journal, we specifically,

1. That Letcher asked Buchanan's consent to the publication of a private conversation between Clay, Buchanan and himself held in his room in 1825.

2. That Buchanan refused his consent.

3. That Buchanan sternly held Letcher to his pledge of silence.

We distinctly and specifically deny each assertion and challenge the proof. We deny that the letter of Buchanan to Letcher, published at pp. 491-2 of Colton's Private Correspondence of Henry Clay, was written either of these assertions of the Journal. In that letter, Mr. Buchanan does say that he cannot see what good purpose it would serve Mr. Clay to publish it, and, in that connection states that he had already done justice to Mr. Clay, both in his letter of August 8, 1827, refuting Jackson's charge, and in a speech in the House of Representatives on Chilton's resolutions. Having twice publicly done justice to Clay, he thought he had done enough, without invading the sanctity of private and confidential, social intercourse. Perhaps, however, Letcher may take a view of the higher point of honor which forbids him to see private谈话 ascribed to the greatest perversions of truth, and the most groundless inferences, when he could correct them by a word. Would to God he would speak out; for we know he would tell the truth, even at the expense of balking the calculations of some of the zealots of his own party, who count on the capital they enjoy in his silence. If he shall speak, Colton, Prentiss & Co. will not have reason to congratulate themselves on his comments on the outrageous use made, without his consent, of their secret code of morals to draw down influences, injurious to Buchanan, from the Whigs.

Another correspondent, from the Louisville Journal, states that Letcher is a gentleman, and did nothing to do with publishing the private letters of himself and Buchanan, and his regard for the publication, to put the shame on the winds of it, was very popular.

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